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1. Besides the aircraft previously observed at the Moscow-Tushino airfield, in July 1949, [REDACTED] a glider which, after being towed up by a powered plane, did stunt flying.

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2. The glider had a butterfly-like shape with a small plexiglass cabin on top. No tail assembly was seen. The [REDACTED] 6 meters long and had a wing span of about 3½ meters. (1)

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3. Of the aircraft types seen over [REDACTED] following two were especially noted:

a. Jet fighter with ~~swept-back~~ [REDACTED] the rectangular wings and the ~~sweep-back~~ of about 45°. The section of the rudder assembly drawn in dotted lines is not remembered so well. (2)

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b. Twin-jet aircraft. (3)

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4. A glider was seen over Klin. One man was seen in the plexiglass cabin in the front section. Two apertures 30 to 40 cm in diameter were in the fuselage above the wings. There was some sort of a skid rail, at the end of which was a step under the fuselage. [REDACTED] the plane was powered with an engine, since smoke was occasionally observed emanating from the step in the fuselage. (4)

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[REDACTED] 5. Twin-jet aircraft were seen almost every day. A formation of about 40 planes was seen early in 1948. They were mid-wing or low-wing monoplanes with two jet engines which projected far beyond the leading edges of wings. Two weapons were mounted in the fuselage. Skid-like devices attached to the fuselage by four cylinders or springs were seen. The craft was silver-gray (5).

6. The following three types of aircraft were seen:

a. Twin-engine plane, flying at altitudes of 3,000 to 6,000 meters; a vapor trail behind each wing. (6)

b. Aircraft with swept-back wings and rudder assembly set high. This type of aircraft was seen very often, first in the summer of 1947. The shape of the elevator assembly was not remembered clearly. (7)

c. Flying wing plane. This craft was observed five to ten times after June 1948, once at an altitude of under 100 meters. The plane was very maneuverable. [REDACTED] an air intake and exhaust in the fuselage. (8)

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9. A four-jet plane was seen in 1949. Two jet engines were suspended from each wing. (10)

10. Jet fighters were seen taking off and landing at the airfield east of the third ball bearing plant from the summer of 1948 on. (11)

[REDACTED] the following two striking types of aircraft were seen:

a. Jet fighter with swept-back wings and one weapon in each wing and one in the nose.

b. Two-seater jet plane with one engine in each wing. Armament same as a. (12).

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Comments.

(1) This type was reported for the first time. It may be a new and novel type developed by DOSAV. See sketch 1, Annex 1, for drawing of this glider.

(2) Perhaps the Mig-15 type. However, if the shape of the rudder assembly is reproduced correctly a new type may be concerned. See sketch 2, Annex 1, and sketch 3, Annex 2, for drawings of this plane.

(3) Looks like type 12. See sketch 4, Annex 2, for drawing of this plane.

(4) This cargo glider was mentioned in previous reports on Klin as a standard transport glider. It is believed that the mention of the step in the fuselage and the occasional observation of smoke were suggested by leading questions from the interrogator. [REDACTED] See sketch 5, Annex 3 for drawing of this glider.

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(5) Probably a type 17 plane. It was mentioned in a report on an airfield south of Ivanteyevka that what were allegedly twin-jet bombers were assembled and tested there.

(6) May have been a Mig-9 plane which could have produced two vapor trails with its two jet engines mounted under the fuselage.

(7) Must be the Mig-15 type. However, it could not have been observed prior to 1948. See Annex 4 for sketches of this plane.

(8) This type bears a close resemblance to a design developed by the Horten brothers. The information must be received with reserve. See sketch 8, Annex 5, for drawing of flying wing.

(9) This information also must be received with reserve. ~~reports on four-engine turbo prop aircraft have been received~~. See sketch 9, Annex 5, for drawing of this plane.

(10) A similar type was previously observed being tested in Annex 6 for sketch of this four-jet plane.

(11) The presence of jet fighters at a military airfield and the manufacture of aircraft in Plant - See sketch and confirmed. See Annex 7, for drawing of this fighter.

(12) The presence at the test field of these types is confirmed. See Annex 7, Annex 13, for drawings of these planes.

7 Annexes: (1) Sketch 1: Glider Aircraft
Sketch 2: Jet Fighter
(2) Sketch 3: Shape of Russian Aircraft
Observed at Klin
Sketch 4: Twin-Jet Aircraft
Observed at Klin
(3) Sketch 5: Aircraft Observed at Klin
Sketch 6: Twin-Jet Aircraft Observed East of Moscow.
(4) Sketch 7: Jet Aircraft Observed in Kuibyshev.
(5) Sketch 8: Flying Wing Observed in Kuibyshev.
Sketch 9: Four-Engine Turbo-Prop Aircraft Seen East of Moscow
(6) Sketch 10: Four-Jet Aircraft Observed Over Moscow-Krasnogorsk
(7) Sketch 11: Jet Fighter Observed near Saratov
Sketch 12: Jet Aircraft Observed at Saratov
Sketch 13: Jet Aircraft Observed at Saratov

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